(f) Does not arise.

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Seminar on Pollution Control in River Cities

5346. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government inaugurated a four days Seminar at Varansi on 'Pollution control in river cities of India - case study of Ganga' on January 14, 1992; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the observations and suggestions made at the seminar for cleaning the Ganga speedily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). A Seminar on 'Pollution Control in river cities of India-case study of Ganga' was organised by Sankat Mochan Foundation which is a Non-Government organisation from 14 to 17 January, 1992. It was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Water Resources and was attended by participants from India and abroad. The observations/recommendations of the seminar include"

(i) Water quality along bathing areas of the ghats at Varansi does not meet the current bacterial and BOD water quality standards at present.

(ii) The urgent need to Ganga follow up the activities under taken in Phase I of the Action Plan.

(iii) Early commission of sewage treatment plants at Dinapur and increase of treatment plant capacity at Banaras Hindu University, Diesel Locomotive Works and Dinapur.

(iv) Construction of a bypass interception or other appropriate facilities needs to eliminate overflows into the river.

(v) Compilation of pumping rates, pumping volumes and maintenance records of the existing pumping stations on a monthly bases.

(vi) Proper attention to be paid for operation and maintenance of the facilities set up under Ganga Action Plan.

The matter has been taken up with the Government of U.P. for follow up action on the above recommendations.

Committee to Improve Health Services in Capital

5347. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any expert committee has been set up to improve the health services in the Capital;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the recommendations made by the committee; and

(d) the reasons of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI